

SOCIETY PREPARES TO GO BACH-MAD.

Leaders Interested in a
Plan to Revive His
Musical Works.

Mrs. De Peyster, Mrs. Stokes
and Mrs. "Jack" Astor In-
terested in a Bach Society.

Although the music of Johann Sebastian Bach can scarcely be considered of that school which becomes popular, it is nevertheless true that society has taken a distinct liking to his compositions. This winter, for the first time in ages, New York will be a Bach worshipper.

Headed and patronized by such social leaders as Mrs. Henry Claws, Mrs. Charles A. Post, Mrs. James W. Pluchot and Mrs. Alexander Van Nest, who will promote Bach interests during the season by Bach concerts, Bach teas, etc., there seems no doubt that society will be Bach mad by Lent.

It is due to Theodore Bjorksen, of Carnegie Hall, that the music of Bach is to be introduced to the social music-lovers of New York—introduced, because the bulk of Bach's finest compositions are little known. In order to make the idea go, there has been a committee formed to put the works of the great composer prominently before the public. D. H. Morris is president of the committee, and the vice-presidents are Mrs. Henry Claws, Mrs. Charles A. Post, Mrs. James W. Pluchot and Mrs. Alexander Van Nest; treasurer, Richard Irving, Jr.; secretary, C. B. Chilton; musical director, Theodore Bjorksen.

The society will be known as "The Bach Singers of New York." Bach societies were founded in London in 1845 and in Leipzig in 1850. The Bach Singers of New York is the third in existence.

This society will give concerts, chamber musical recitals and lectures.

With this end in view, Mr. Bjorksen, who has been a life-long student of Bach, has set to work to organize the choral singers, who will be the young men and women of some of the leading families of New York.

Such a task is difficult, but now that so-

ciety has taken a hold, and that the idea has practically been concurred in by society folk, Bach will be re-entitled.

One reason why Bach's music has been so little played is because it is the most difficult of execution and interpretation. There is a prolific composer. There are upward of two hundred sacred cantatas for every Sunday and every holy day in the year; a large number for special occasions, such as births, weddings, funerals and all the jubilees of the seasons. There are chorals and cantatas by hundreds, and a host of instrumental pieces, all of which contain a wealth of music. More than three hundred of his compositions have been lost.

It is proposed by the society to give two great concerts, one in December and one in April, in Mendelssohn Hall, at which twenty or more professional singers will be engaged. It is planned to play the music on the instruments Bach intended them for—some of which are no longer in use.

In the intervals, society leaders will have Bach musicals at their homes. Mrs. "Jack" Astor is charmed with the idea, while Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish will offer her handsome new home. Among others interested are Mrs. Anson P. Stokes, Mrs. George Gould, Mrs. George Croker, Mrs. Frederick De Peyster and Mrs. Townsend Burden.

FINE RESULTS IN THREE COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

Brilliant Iridescence of a Shell and Hues of a Peacock Feather Shown.

London, Dec. 16.—At a recent meeting of scientists, W. Saville Kent gave an interesting account of his experiments in three color photography and demonstrated his results by a lantern exhibition. The pictures thrown upon the screen included those of orchids, tropical butterflies, fish, lizards and birds. The most striking were some gold and silver carp, photographed in a bell-glass aquarium, a pearl shell showing the brilliant iridescence of the inner layer, and a peacock's feather, in which the metallic hues were successfully reproduced.

Mr. Saville Kent explained that the photographs were taken with color screens of the three primary colors—red, green and blue-violet, three negatives being required for each subject—that is, one taken with each of the colors interposed between the lens and the object. These pictures are superimposed to produce the effect of natural colors. An example of the separate photographs were exhibited to show how the composite effect is attained.

These negatives were also available for three color printing; and thus a wide field is opened for the illustration of zoological and botanical books with subjects in their natural colors.

MISHAPS OF FIRST NEW HAVEN TRAIN.

C. H. Comstock, Oldest
Conductor, Took It
Through in 1848.

WOOD FUEL GAVE OUT.

Passengers Had to Join the
Train Crew in Collecting
Lumber.

When the train pulled up at Cos Cob there fore is the oldest conductor of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company living. He is in his seventy-eighth year. He spent Thanksgiving week at Portchester. Despite his advanced years he is well and hearty and as spry as a cricket.

Mr. Comstock tells how he ran the first train from New Haven to New York fifty-one years ago. It was Christmas Day, in 1848, that he was ordered out to collect tickets on the first through train. It pulled out of New Haven at 7:15 o'clock in the morning. Owing to a severe snow storm it didn't reach New York until 2 o'clock that afternoon.

The engine was a Rogers wood burner with six driving wheels, and the train was made up of a baggage car and three coaches. When Bridgeport was reached two additional cars were added and also one at Stamford. "Abie" Hawley, a veteran engineer, was at the throttle. Among the passengers were Mr. Miller, of Bridgeport, who was a partner of Mr. Bishop, who built the road; Mr. Smith, a merchant of New Haven, and Commodore Richard Peck, the steamboat man.

When the train pulled up at Cos Cob there was a delay of thirty minutes, in order that the workmen might complete the track.

There were other delays, but when William Lauschie was reached the train came to an abrupt stop. The supply of wood which was used as fuel for the locomotive gave out, and it was feared that the train would become stalled. The engineer and fireman were in a quandary. Finally after many suggestions on the part of passengers, some of whom said it would be advisable to cut down trees, Conductor Comstock succeeded in reaching a tavern, where he purchased of the proprietor about a cord of wood.

Passengers and train crew united, and carried the wood across country until the tender was loaded with sufficient cord wood to last the remainder of the journey. Years went by and the train continued to reduce the time between the two cities from seven to three hours. Now Boston expresses cover the entire distance in an hour and a half.

Mr. Comstock has given up the life of a conductor, and at the present time is employed in the office of the paymaster of the Illinois Central Railroad at Chicago.

Killed in a Runaway.

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